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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENT EXCHANGE

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1. UPI PRESIDENT RODERICK BEATON INFORMED P&C COUNSELOR THAT IN COURSE RECENT MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS HE HAD RAISED POSSIBILITY INCREASING MOSCOW UPI BUREAU STAFF, AND ZAMYATIN SAW NO PROBLEM.

2. BEATON ALSO SAID UPI MIGHT WISH OPEN OFFICE IN LENINGRAD, TO WHICH ZAMYATIN COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS WOULD ASK FOR CORRESPONDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO AS RECIPROCITY.

3. BEATON EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT POSITIVE CHANGES IN USSR IN 9 YEARS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT AND DEPARTED WITH THOUGHT A LENINGRAD UPI OFFICE COULD WELL BE INCREASINGLY PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENT. WILL CONSULT DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED, IF UPI FINALLY DECIDES MAKE APPROACH.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ESTABLISHMENT UPI OFFICE IN LENINGRAD. PENDING REQUEST FOR KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDAAFFICE IN
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SAN FRANCISCO WOULD SEEM OFFER AT-HAND RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT.

5. FYI: CONTINUED INTEREST OF KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA INDICATED BY RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESS ATTACHE AND OREKHOV (REF A). OREKHOV INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY HIS ASSIGNMENT TO SAN FRANCISCO. EMBASSY OFFICER STATED THAT EMBASSY HAD REPLIED TO MFA ON HIS VISA REQUEST, AND DESCRIBED IN GENREAL TERMS US DESIRE FOR RECIPROCAL CONSIDERATION. OREKHOV SAID RECIPROCITY ARGUMENT APPEARED LOGICAL TO HIM, BUT HE HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT US RESPONSE TO MFA. HE INDICATED HE WOULD QUERY MFA.
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